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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 09-23-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 9-13.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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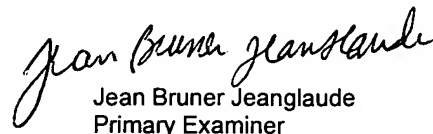
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Jean Bruner Jeanglaude
Primary Examiner

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward W. Goodman on October 19, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

After page 15, insert the following abstract on a separate page:

Abstract

When recording data on a record carrier of the DC content of the data recorded is important in order to allow accurate reproduction of the data. The Digital Sum Value represents the DC content; the Digital Sum Value can be controlled by replacing code words at the output of an encoder by code words that can never occur during encoding. The replacement code word has different parity than the code word it replaces. The resulting stream of code words is subsequently encoded using an NRZI coder, so that the change in parity resulting from replacement code word results in a change of polarity of the NRZI output. The replacement code word can thus be used to change the polarity of the NRZI output to keep the Digital Sum Value low.

Insert on page 1, before line 1 of the specification the following new paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application claims priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/IB031460, filed on April 10, 2003, published as WO 03/085667 A1 on October 16, 2003. --

Page 3, between lines 25 and 26 insert as a centered heading:

- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION—

Insert on page 6, between lines 2 and 5 insert as a centered heading:

– BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS–.

Insert on page 6, between lines 22 and 24 insert the following new paragraphs:

--- Fig. 10 shows a schematic block diagram of an encoder having DC control.

Fig. 11 shows a stream of code words with replacement code words. ---

Page 6, before line 24, insert as a centered heading:

--- DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS -- .

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1- 7, 3 – 13 are allowable.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B. Jeanglaude whose telephone number is 571-272-1804. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 A. M. - 5:00 P.M..

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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